

on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-400) on the resolution (H. Res. 319) providing for consideration of the bill (S. 738) to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE FIRST SESSION SINE DIE.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, by the direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 311 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 311

*Resolved*, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House a joint resolution waiving certain enrollment requirements with respect to certain specified bills of the One Hundred Fifth Congress. The joint resolution shall be considered as read for amendment. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) One hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the majority leader and the minority leader or their designees; and (2) one motion to commit.

SEC. 2. Upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House a joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress. The joint resolution shall be considered as read for amendment. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) One hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the majority leader and the minority leader or their designees; and (2) one motion to commit.

SEC. 3. The Speaker, the majority leader, and the minority leader may accept resignations and make appointments to commissions, boards, and committees following the adjournment of the first session sine die as authorized by law or by the House.

SEC. 4. A resolution providing that a committee of two Members of the House be appointed to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that the House of Representatives has completed its business of the session and is ready to adjourn, unless the President has some other communication to make to them, is hereby adopted.

SEC. 5. A concurrent resolution providing that the two Houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Tuesday, January 27, 1998, at 9 p.m., for the purpose of receiving such communication as the President of the United States shall be pleased to make to them is hereby adopted.

SEC. 6. House Resolution 306 is laid on the table.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). The gentlewoman from Ohio [Ms. PRYCE] is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to my friend, the

gentlewoman from New York [Ms. SLAUGHTER], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, on Friday night, with little debate, the Committee on Rules reported House Resolution 311 by voice vote. This rule provides for the consideration and adoption of resolutions in preparation for the adjournment of the first session of the 105th Congress sine die. The rule includes a laundry list of items that the House must take care of in preparation for the end of the year, when it is time for us to leave Washington and go home to our families and constituents.

For example, the rule makes in order a joint resolution that would waive certain enrollment requirements with respect to specified bills, so that after legislation is passed, it can be sent to the President for his signature without delay.

Further, the rule provides for consideration of a joint resolution that specifies the day when the 105th Congress will reconvene for a second session. Each of these resolutions will be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided between the majority and minority leaders, and will be subject to a motion to commit.

Further, with the adoption of this rule, a resolution to provide for the appointment of two Members of the House to inform the President that the House is ready to adjourn, unless he has some other communication to make to the House, will be adopted. Other housekeeping items this rule provides for will allow the Speaker, majority leader, and minority leader to accept resignations and make appointments to commissions, boards, and committees following adjournment.

This rule also disposes of H. Res. 306, which the House has no need to consider.

Finally, this rule looks forward to the time when we will return to Congress next year, refreshed and renewed, ready to work, by setting the date for the President's State of the Union on Tuesday, January 27, 1998, at 9 p.m.

Mr. Speaker, as we plan for adjournment, it is worthwhile to reflect on the accomplishments of the first session of the 105th Congress. And we have a lot to be proud of. Perhaps most notably, the 105th Congress passed legislation to provide tax relief for the first time in 16 years. Through your efforts, we have given 41 million children a tax credit, we have slashed the capital gains tax to promote economic growth, and we have reined in the death tax to provide relief to family-owned farms and businesses.

At the same time, we reached our goal of enacting a balanced budget that will eliminate the deficit by slowing the growth of government spending and creating a small, more effective Federal Government. Through that same legislation, we saved the Medicare program from bankruptcy, extending its

life for at least 10 years, so that today's seniors and future generations will have the affordable, quality health care they so strongly deserve.

And that is not all. This House has passed legislation to move children from foster care to permanent homes. We passed legislation to give workers the flexibility of opting for time off rather than overtime pay, and we passed housing reforms to help low-income families.

In recent days, we have started down the path to overhauling our onerous tax system by passing legislation to reform and restructure the IRS. And the education reform measures we have adopted will give hope to children eager to learn and the promise of choice to parents who want the best for their kids.

Mr. Speaker, we have worked hard, and it shows. Now it is time to wrap up our work, go home to our families and constituents, and renew ourselves for the legislative challenges that lie ahead. Adoption of this rule will take us one step closer to the completion of a very productive first session, and I urge its swift adoption.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Ms. SLAUGHTER asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate that the two of us are about as popular as we can get this evening, holding this crowd. However, it is necessary for us to do this or the business of the Republic cannot go on; it is that important.

Mr. Speaker, for the most part, the rule provides for usual housekeeping duties that are required to bring a session of Congress to a close. I do not oppose those provisions, but I do believe that they should only be brought up at the appropriate time, when we have completed all of our vital pending business.

A major issue that needs to be addressed before we leave is campaign finance reform. The 1997 elections merely enforce the obvious problems with our campaign finance laws that we learned in the 1996 elections. The use of massive amounts of soft money on supposed "issue advertising," which was intended and succeeded in affecting the outcome of individual races; the failure of disclosure rules to adequately inform the public, because of noncompliance and delayed compliance with the current rules; the continued laundering of money through supposed nonpartisan, nonprofit interest groups must stop.

House Members on both sides of the aisle know it is necessary, because 187 Members of this Congress have taken the extraordinary step of signing Discharge Petition 3 to force a full discussion of a variety of proposals. The American public deserves better than

our current out-of-control system, and we need to work on reform now. We all know the process will be difficult and contentious, but, nevertheless, reform is essential to ensure that citizens and not money decide who wins elections.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I would like to comment on the last section of the rule, which lays on the table H.R. 306. H.R. 306, as we all remember, was the resolution that this House should have considered to expedite procedures at the end of the session. It was similar to the resolutions in previous Congresses.

Instead, this majority demonstrated its utter disregard for Members' basic right to assert their constitutional prerogatives as representatives elected by their constituents. For the first time in the 218-year history of the House of Representatives, we voted last Thursday to strip from Members the right to raise before the whole body questions of privilege affecting the rights of the House collectively, its safety, dignity, and integrity of its proceedings. And I am saddened that this dangerous precedent was set.

I would like to say that I think we also need to say before the close of this session of Congress that to drag on the question of the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ] in District 46 of California, to drag that on is the penultimate case of not being able to adjourn to go home, to leave unfinished business.

I regret with all my heart that we are at that state. And I hope when we come back next week we can remedy that problem.

Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER].

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, as everybody is as tired and interested in going home as I am, it bears repeating that, and I did not know that the gentlewoman from New York [Ms. SLAUGHTER] was going to mention the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ], but, as we leave, to repeat that this is the longest pending case in history under the Federal Contested Election Act, the longest in history.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Let me remind my colleagues who are focused so loud on campaign finance reform that the House will have that debate when we return in the spring. Currently, there is no consensus on what campaign finance should look like, as was evidenced by hearings held in the Committee on House Oversight.

Our hope is that by March or April, the House will find some consensus on this issue so that meaningful campaign finance reform can be passed and signed into law. I want to remind my colleagues who are focusing on what we have not done of what we have accomplished in the first session. And once again I will remind them.

We have passed legislation to provide for tax relief for the first time in 16 years, a balanced budget that eliminates the deficit by 2002, adoption reforms for children in foster care, comp-time for America's workers, housing reform for low-income families, education reform for children eager to learn, and IRS reform for the taxpayers. I have to say very proudly that much of this has been accomplished in a bipartisan manner.

So, Mr. Speaker, we should be proud of these accomplishments and recognize that while we see a break in the action here soon, this resolution does not signify the end of the 105th. We will be back next year to add to our good works.

Further, Mr. Speaker, this resolution, in and of itself, should not be controversial. There were no objections heard in the Committee on Rules. So I urge my colleagues to support the rule.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 257, nays 159, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 628]

YEAS—257

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Allen  
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Barrett (NE)  
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Bartlett  
Bass  
Bateman  
Bereuter  
Bilbray  
Bilirakis  
Blagojevich  
Bliley  
Blunt  
Boehlert  
Boehner  
Bonilla  
Bono  
Brady  
Bryant  
Bunning  
Burr  
Buyer  
Callahan  
Calvert  
Camp  
Campbell  
Canady  
Cannon  
Castle  
Chabot  
Chambliss  
Chenoweth  
Christensen  
Clement  
Coble  
Coburn  
Collins  
Combest  
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Cooksey  
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Cramer  
Crane  
Crapo  
Cunningham  
Danner  
Davis (FL)  
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Delahunt  
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Dellums  
Diaz-Balart  
Dickey  
Dicks  
Dixon  
Doolittle  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Dunn  
Ehlers  
Ehrlich  
Emerson  
English  
Ensign  
Everett  
Ewing  
Fawell  
Foley  
Forbes  
Fossella  
Fowler  
Fox  
Frank (MA)  
Franks (NJ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Frost  
Gallegly  
Ganske  
Gekas  
Gibbons  
Gilchrest  
Gillmor  
Gilman  
Goodlatte

Gordon  
Goss  
Graham  
Granger  
Greenwood  
Gutknecht  
Hall (OH)  
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Hayworth  
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Herger  
Hill  
Hilleary  
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Hoekstra  
Horn  
Hostettler  
Houghton  
Hulshof  
Hunter  
Hutchinson  
Hyde  
Inglish  
Istook  
Jackson (IL)  
Jefferson  
Jenkins  
John  
Johnson (CT)  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones  
Kasich  
Kelly  
Kennedy (MA)  
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Kildee  
Kim  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Knollenberg  
Kolbe  
LaHood  
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LaTourette  
Lazio  
Leach  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Linder  
Lipinski  
Livingston  
LoBiondo  
Lucas  
Maloney (CT)  
Manzullo  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCollum  
McDade  
McGovern  
McHugh  
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McIntosh  
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McKeon  
McKinney  
Metcalf  
Mica  
Miller (FL)  
Minge  
Moakley  
Moran (KS)  
Morella  
Myrick  
Nethercutt  
Neumann  
Ney  
Northup  
Norwood  
Nussle  
Oxley  
Packard

Pappas  
Parker  
Pascarella  
Pastor  
Paul  
Paxon  
Pease  
Pelosi  
Peterson (PA)  
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Pickering  
Pitts  
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Pomeroy  
Porter  
Portman  
Pryce (OH)  
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Radanovich  
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Rangel  
Redmond  
Regula  
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Rogan  
Rogers  
Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Royce  
Ryun  
Sabo  
Sanford  
Sawyer  
Saxton  
Schaefer, Dan  
Schaffer, Bob  
Sensenbrenner  
Sessions  
Shadeegg  
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Shimkus  
Shuster  
Skeen  
Smith (MI)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith, Adam  
Smith, Linda  
Snowbarger  
Solomon  
Souder  
Spence  
Stabenow  
Stearns  
Stokes  
Stump  
Sununu  
Talent  
Tauzin  
Taylor (NC)  
Thomas  
Thornberry  
Thune  
Tiahrt  
Traficant  
Upton  
Walsh  
Watkins  
Watts (OK)  
Weldon (FL)  
Weldon (PA)  
Weller  
White  
Whitfield  
Wicker  
Wolf  
Wynn  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)

NAYS—159

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Andrews  
Baesler  
Baldacci  
Becerra  
Bentsen  
Berman  
Berry  
Bishop  
Blumenauer  
Bonior  
Borski  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boyd  
Brown (CA)  
Brown (FL)  
Brown (OH)  
Cardin  
Carson  
Clay  
Clayton  
Clyburn  
Condit  
Conyers  
Costello  
Coyne  
Cummings  
Davis (IL)  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
DeLauro  
Deutsch  
Doggett  
Dooley  
Doyle  
Edwards  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Evans  
Farr  
Fattah  
Fazio  
Filner  
Ford  
Furse  
Gejdenson  
Gephardt  
Goode  
Green  
Gutierrez  
Hamilton

Harman  
Hastings (FL)  
Hefner  
Hilliard  
Hinchey  
Hinojosa  
Holden  
Hooley  
Hoyer  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Johnson (WI)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kennedy (RI)  
Kilpatrick  
Kind (WI)  
Klecza  
Klink  
Kucinich  
LaFalce  
Lampson  
Levin  
Lewis (GA)  
Lofgren  
Lowey  
Luther  
Maloney (NY)  
Manton  
Markey  
Mascara  
Matsui  
McCarthy (MO)  
McHale  
McNulty  
Meehan  
Meek  
Menendez  
Millender-  
McDonald  
Miller (CA)  
Mink  
Mollohan  
Moran (VA)  
Nadler  
Neal  
Oberstar  
Obey  
Oliver  
Ortiz  
Owens  
Pallone  
Payne

Peterson (MN)  
Pickett  
Poshard  
Price (NC)  
Rahall  
Reyes  
Rivers  
Rodriguez  
Roemer  
Rothman  
Roukema  
Roybal-Allard  
Rush  
Salmon  
Sanchez  
Sanders  
Sandlin  
Scarborough  
Schumer  
Scott  
Serrano  
Shays  
Sherman  
Siskiy  
Skaggs  
Skelton  
Slaughter  
Snyder  
Spratt  
Stark  
Stenholm  
Strickland  
Stupak  
Tanner  
Tauscher  
Taylor (MS)  
Thompson  
Thurman  
Tierney  
Torres  
Towns  
Turner  
Velazquez  
Vento  
Visclosky  
Wamp  
Waters  
Watt (NC)  
Waxman  
Wexler  
Weygand  
Wise  
Woolsey

## NOT VOTING—17

Barton	Gonzalez	Murtha
Burton	Goodling	Riley
Cubin	Klug	Schiff
Dingell	Martinez	Smith (OR)
Flake	McCrery	Yates
Foglietta	McDermott	

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

H. Res. 306 was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to House Resolution 311, House Resolution 320 and House Concurrent Resolution 194 are adopted.

The text of House Resolution 320 is as follows:

## H. RES. 320

*Resolved*, That a committee of two Members of the House be appointed to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that the House of Representatives has completed its business of the session and is ready to adjourn, unless the President has some other communication to make to them.

The text of House Resolution 194 is as follows:

## H. CON. RES. 194

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring)*, That the two Houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Tuesday, January 27, 1998, at 9 p.m. for the purpose of receiving such communication as the President of the United States shall be pleased to make to them.

## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I take this time to speak out of order for the purposes of announcing the schedule and pending business before the House.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank all the Members for their patience and good humor at this very, very late hour on Sunday and early hour on Monday.

Mr. Speaker, I do not believe we will have any more business before the House this evening that will require a vote before the House. However, we have been working with the minority, and, I believe, and I am pleased to see the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR], there for the purpose of concurrence on this, I believe that the minority agrees in some clearances for some unanimous consent requests that would still be taken tonight and for which we should not expect a vote.

We would conclude our legislative business for this week, but I should advise Members that we would resume legislative business at noon on Wednesday next, with no votes until after 5 o'clock on next Wednesday, with the expectation that we would conclude the legislative work for the year on that Wednesday evening and on Thursday.

In order to facilitate that work to be done on Wednesday and Thursday, we would, with the concurrence of the mi-

nority, be looking for unanimous consent to have a CR that would take us through Friday of next week, and then a unanimous consent to allow a rule that would give us same day authority under which we could consider any additional appropriations conference reports to come before us, the ISTEA legislation, the Amtrak legislation, the fast-track legislation, and any suspensions that we might properly notice in agreement with the minority. That authority, incidentally, Mr. Speaker, would last through Friday.

Those particular unanimous consents will be asked, of course, upon the conclusion of this advisory commentary on the schedule.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ARMEY. I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I would ask the gentleman at this time if I heard correctly that the fast-track legislation has been put off indefinitely? Does the gentleman concur on that?

Mr. ARMEY. I am not sure I heard the word "definitely" or "indefinitely."

Mr. BONIOR. There was an "in" before the "D."

Mr. ARMEY. The fast-track legislation will not come up at this time. However, the gentleman may have noticed that we will be asking unanimous consent that that be included in that list of legislation that would be available for same-day authority on Wednesday night or Thursday.

Mr. BONIOR. So is the gentleman telling us this morning that he expects the fast-track legislation to come before us next Thursday or Friday?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman. I guess I feel a little bit like Pip; I still have great expectations. They are shared at the White House. We are hopeful that might be worked out, but I have no announcement or even, for that matter, prediction to make at this time. We just want to have that contingency available to us, should things develop favorable to that course of action.

If I could hold the gentleman's attention, I wonder if the gentleman can concur that we should expect no objections to the unanimous consent requests that I outlined?

Mr. BONIOR. That would be my recommendation on the two unanimous consents that the gentleman has propounded to the body this morning.

Mr. ARMEY. If that be the case, Mr. Speaker, I would like to propound some unanimous consents right now.

If I may, before I do so, for the benefit of my good friend, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. SHUSTER], who is very anxious about his own legislation and has worked very hard, and for so many Members who have unanimous consents, please understand that we are working with the minority. We may not be able to have officially

cleared and prepared for the floor through the leadership of the minority and the majority your unanimous consent for today, but we are attentive to these matters, and we are hopeful to have those worked out for you before we conclude business next week. I do again appreciate everybody's patience.

#### AUTHORIZING SPEAKER TO DESIGNATE TIME FOR RESUMPTION OF PROCEEDINGS ON REMAINING MOTIONS TO SUSPEND RULES CONSIDERED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1997

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Speaker be authorized to designate a time not later than the legislative day of November 14, 1997, for resumption of proceedings on the seven remaining motions to suspend the rules originally debated on September 29, 1997.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### ADJOURNMENT TO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1997

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on the legislative day of today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 12, 1997.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### WAIVING PRINTING ON PARCHMENT FOR REMAINING APPROPRIATION BILLS

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that H.J. Res. 103, a joint resolution waiving the printing on parchment for the remaining appropriation bills when presented to the President, be discharged, considered, and passed.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The text of H.J. Res. 103 is as follows:

## H.J. RES. 103

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the provisions of sections 106 and 107 of title 1, United States